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SUBJECT: BERLIN SCIENCE CENTER

SUMMARY: FRG BONN GROUP REP HAS REQUESTED ALLIED VIEWS ON PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE EQUITY ARRANGEMENTS OF THE BERLIN SCIENCE CENTER (WISSENSCHAFTSZENTRUM BERLIN), A PRIVATE INSTITUTION. THE PROPOSAL WOULD ENTAIL THE FRG TAKING OVER 75 PER CENT OF THE EQUITY WITH THE REMAINDER BEING PICKED UP BY THE BERLIN GOVERNMENT. THE CENTER WOULD REMAIN A JURIDICALLY PRIVATE INSTITUTION. IN FOLLOW-UP TRIPARTITE SESSION ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT MORE INFORMATION SHOULD BE REQUESTED FROM THE FRG. END SUMMARY.

1. AT THE FEBRUARY 3 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (HENZE) REQUESTED ALLIED VIEWS ON A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE EQUITY ARRANGEMENTS OF THE BERLIN SCIENCE CENTER (BSC), A PRIVATE INSTITUTION ORGANIZED AS A CORPORATION (GMBH) UNDER PRIVATE LAW. HENZE SAID THE BSC HAD OPERATED FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN BERLIN AS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR THREE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTES:

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2. NOTING THAT THE PRESENT BSC EQUITY-HOLDERS WERE
"WELL-KNOWN POLITICIANS," HENZE SAID THE FRG WAS
THINKING OF TAKING OVER 75 PER CENT OF THE EQUITY WHILE
"LAND BERLIN" ABSORBED THE REMAINING 25 PER CENT.
HENZE STRESSED THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD NOT CHANGE THE
JURIDICAL STATUS OF THE INSTITUTION BUT ONLY ITS EQUITY.
IT WOULD NOT BECOME AN OFFICIAL - MUCH LESS A FEDERAL -
INSTITUTION. THERE WOULD BE NO INCREASE IN PERSONNEL.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THE UK REP (HITCH),
HENZE SAID THAT ANY TRANSFER OF EQUITY WOULD BE
PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTRY OF COMPANIES, A PUBLIC
DOCUMENT OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT OF BERLIN WHERE THE
INSTITUTION IS LOCATED.

4. US REP ASKED WHETHER THE FRG CURRENTLY SUBSIDIZED
THE BSC. HENZE SAID THE CURRENT SUBSIDY AMOUNTS TO
ABOUT DM 8 MILLION PER YEAR.

5. IN FOLLOW-UP TRIPARTITE DISCUSSION ON FEBRUARY 4,
US REP SUGGESTED ALLIED REPS RETURN TO FRG AT NEXT
BONN GROUP MEETING WITH SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS AIMED
AT DETERMINING FRG RATIONALE FOR CHANGE IN EQUITY
ARRANGEMENTS. US REP NOTED THAT PROPOSED CHANGE SEEM-
INGLY WOULD NOT ALTER OPERATION OF THE BSC, BUT MIGHT
WELL FUEL SOVIET SUSPICIONS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERN-
MENT HAS ULTERIOR MOTIVES. HITCH ADDED THAT THE
PRIVATE NATURE OF THE BSC WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN
TO THE SOVIETS IF ALL THE EQUITY IS IN GOVERNMENT HANDS.'

6. ALLIED REPS AGREED TO ASK FRG DELEGATION FOR MORE
INFORMATION AT NEXT BONN GROUP MEETING.

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